

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Lake Siskiyou Fuelbreak Maintenance Phase V		
PROJECT LOCATION	Sections 28,29,30,31,32, T40N, R4W, MDBM	COUNTY	Siskiyou
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project, located on Siskiyou County lands near Lake Siskiyou Reservoir and campground, involves maintenance of brush re-growth within an existing fuelbreak. This project is located within a forest setting with treated brush understory and sporadic mixed conifer overstory. An approved Nonindustrial Timber Management Plan (Lake Siskiyou NTMP 2-05NTMP-002-SIS-6) covers the project area, allowing for ongoing forest management. The project proposes to graze goats to control the sprouting vegetation. In addition, hand crews will cut, remove, pile, burn and/ or chip the sprouting vegetation along roadways. Both fuels treatments will re-establish a fire resistant fuel break.

EXEMPTION STATUS				
$\boxtimes$	Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 1 Existing Facilities, §15301			
	Statutory Exemption (state code section):			
	Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)			
	Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))			
	Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))			

## **REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT**

CEQA guidelines §15301, Class 1 exemption authorizes the maintenance of "existing facilities" provided the activities do not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant/animal species, or cause other significant erosion and sedimentation of surface waters. The proposed project is an existing fuelbreak and has been in existence since 2006. The entire project area is within the boundaries of an approved Nonindustrial Timber Management Plan (2-05-NTMP-002-SIS-6). The NTMP included an extensive review of sensitive resources within the project area and is considered the functional equivalent of an Environmental Impact Report. The proposed project is not located in a hazardous or critical environmental resource area. There are no foreseen significant adverse cumulative impacts, and there are no unusual circumstances present which would cause significant effects.

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